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*"The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he
will be with thee, he will not fail thee."*

*The Lord thy God!
He it is that goes before thee,
His the banner waving o'er thee,
Bright and broad!
When the fiercest foes assail thee,
He it is that will not fail thee,
The Lord Thy God!*

—Frances Ridley Havergal

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A Call To Prayer

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord."

In these terrible days of strife and bloodshed, of stupendous changes such as the world has never before experienced, let us turn to the unchangeable God, rendering to Him praise for national peace and prosperity, for the safe-keeping of our loyal workers in India, for the many evidences of His guidance in the affairs of our loved society, and for personal blessings without number.

Let us come to Him with humility, confessing our weakness and sins and seeking the wisdom which cometh only from above, that our lives may be used in His service.

In this transition period with its many perplexing problems, let us pray that God's plans for our society may be clearly revealed and that we may continue to be used in the upbuilding of His kingdom in the earth.

Let us unitedly pray that warfare with all its attendant suffering and sorrow may cease and that peace and good will may again prevail among the nations of the earth.

While the general unrest and the famine conditions in India make the tasks of our workers increasingly difficult, let us pray, that their lives may be precious in His sight and that they may know "the peace of God which passeth all understanding." *Let Us Pray.*

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Very widely, in this first month of the New Year, is the call to prayer emphasized. Not only by woman's missionary societies and churches, as heretofore; but also, by international and interdenominational societies, social and educational organizations, and workers in the war zone—even soldiers in the trenches. A mass of such pleas, reports, announcements, on the desk, reveal the fact that men spontaneously and well-nigh universally call upon God when their own plans fail, and naturally cry to their brother man, "Pray for us," in moments of deepest anguish for their people, their country, their work. The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America calls for a week of prayer, January 2-9, for Peace and Unity, saying, "Surely, praying people of every race and tongue in all the earth will fall down before our God in the opening of the new year and beseech of Him for these over shadowing objects of intercession." The Fellowship of Reconciliation, which was born in Cambridge University, England, less than a year ago, frankly admits that its members are under no delusion as to the extent of the gulf between the present state of society and the ideal conceived, but it believes that "the fundamental need is a new discovery of God, a fresh return to the sources of life, a preparation of living channels of power," and asserts that "Prayer is the primary method in which every one must take a share." Dr. Macfarland, in his recently issued book, "Christian Service and the Modern World," says, "Social regeneration will not be performed by building better houses, if there is no concern for better men and women and homes. . . . There can be no nether springs of service without the upper springs of inspiration. . . . The disciples, then, must go to the Mountain of Transfiguration with Jesus." Is it not wonderful that we can take an active part in this world-wide service, even if we are shut-ins? Will you not carefully consider joining the Prayer League of Baptist women? We hope that every auxiliary will have a meeting of Prayer and Praise in February and that individual members will prepare for it by praying all this month for the special subjects mentioned. When shall we learn that "Prayer is not a conquering of God's reluctance, but a taking hold of God's willingness." . . . Three members of our Committee on Conference with Baptist Workers, Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder, chairman, Mrs. F. S. Mosher and Miss E. R. Porter, met representatives of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, in Ford Hall, Boston, December 14, to discuss possible changes in methods of work. The following message

was sent to the editor: "A very pleasant meeting. We knew you were with us in spirit and prayer." A later meeting was held, in which representative Baptist women were present. The HELPER will report, throughout the year, any definite plans that will interest our workers, who will bear in mind that our work is absolutely unchanged and that it demands our loving allegiance by its growth and prosperity, as well as by its always abounding needs. . . . We are happy to announce that Miss Jessie Waterman, New Hampton, N. H., has been appointed by the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy in the Thank Offering Committee occasioned by the resignation of Mrs. Ricker. . . . Miss Coombs wrote from Yokohama, November 26, "Arrived here the 21st, after a very cold, stormy, boisterous passage. We hope to go on by December 3 and make a short visit in Kyoto and see Dr. Ward at his daughter's. Attended Thanksgiving service yesterday and heard a splendid sermon. Had a turkey dinner afterward at the Woman's Mission with an old friend. Much love to everybody." Will you pray, just now, for the health and strength of Miss Coombs and Miss Barnes as they return to their beloved work? . . . Prof. Anthony writes in reference to the Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit Fund: "Contributions are coming in *very* generously. Several annuities are being taken." He urges that immediate pledges toward this fund be sent to him. The HELPER adds its influence to the plea for a purpose not merely "worthy", but indispensable. It must appeal to every Free Baptist. . . . You will be interested in the story and pictures of work in Barbados. Miss Esterbrook writes, "We trust our friends will not forget our Mission. More than ever do we need help." She and Miss Budlong sit at the extreme left in the picture of delegates. . . . Mrs. Chapman is ready to furnish new blue and gold membership certificates; and those Jack and Janet paper dolls are charming. . . . Our new Cradle Roll Life Member, Joy Thompson, is a Mason, Mich., member, although the post office address of her parents is Bristol, Indiana. . . . Rev. C. E. McColley, Lawrence, Mass., in sending three subscriptions to the HELPER, writes, "My C. E. Society is doing splendid work in giving missionary instruction, not only to the society, but to the whole church. Two of our young ladies have gone to N. Y. for training for Home Mission Work." . . . Mr. S. H. Cousins, who is spending the winter with his daughter in Seattle, writes that he wishes to continue sending the HELPER to all to whom Mrs. Cousins sent it. Our HELPER family, of whom Mrs. Cousins was a most ardent member, will appreciate this thoughtfulness.

PRAY—GIVE—GO

By ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT

Three things the Master hath to do,
And we who serve him here below
And long to see his kingdom come
May pray or give or go.

Nor shall the giver count his gift
As greater than the worker's deed,
Nor he in turn his service boast
Above the prayers that voice the need.

He needs them all,—the open hand,
The willing feet, the asking heart,—
To work together and to weave
The threefold cord that shall not part.

Not all can go; not all can give
To arm the others for the fray;
But young or old, or rich or poor,
Or strong or weak,—we all can pray.

Pray that the full hands open wide
To speed the message on its way;
That those who hear the call may go,
And—pray that other hearts may pray.
—*Sunday School Times.*

OUR PRAYER LEAGUE

Free Baptist women do not need to be urged to pray. Many years ago our mothers began in prayer the work so dear to us now and, all along the way, there have been manifestations of the power of united prayer when, in times of stress, the call has come to pray for some special need. The response of our workers has been immediate. The answer has never failed. "Weak, frail men and women have put their faith in God and have done the impossible!" Faith unites us with almightiness.

But may we not use this power, reverently and seriously, all together, every day, as well as in the day of storm?

Shall we not pledge ourselves to a definite form of service as intercessors, praying daily for world-wide needs and the progress of the Kingdom, then for our special fields and workers; always mindful that praise is an important part of prayer? Will not each worker at home adopt some individual missionary abroad for her "praying mate"? Shall we not mention our missionaries and teachers by name and their field by name, month by month, and be swift to respond to any particular request in our HELPER?

Prayer themes for January will be found under Helps for Monthly Meetings. All of these should be noted in the auxiliary program, but individuals should take them in order or in groups from day to day.

The following pledge is identical with that of the larger body of Baptist women, in order that we may work in harmony:

PRAYER LEAGUE

Believing in the power and goodness of God and in his promises to answer prayer, and desiring to enlist my life where it will do the most good, I desire to be enrolled among those who agree faithfully and regularly to exercise the ministry of intercessory prayer.

Will each reader of the HELPER who desires to sign this pledge—after careful thought of all it means—please send name and address, on a post card, to the Editor of THE MISSIONARY HELPER, Ocean Park, Maine? The cards will be filed and referred to at need.

“What an infinite reservoir of power is waiting to be tapped by the hand of faith!”

A LETTER FROM BARBADOS

My Dear Friends of the F. B. W. M. S. and MISSIONARY HELPER:

The ladies, at their last meeting at Ocean Park, asked that I send a report of what we were doing in Barbados. Doubtless, the *Little Morning Star* is already in your hands, giving a glimpse of our Annual Conference of Free Baptists, and I am sending you a picture of a group of the Conference Delegates so that the Friends may see our faces, and know some of those whom they are helping in Barbados. I have also sent, through Miss Malvern, photographs of our churches, and one of the Children in the Children's Home, which will give you some idea of what we are doing.

I can look back over 24 years spent in mission work here, and I am still sticking at my work, although my fiftieth birthday is behind me. However, I am not going back twenty-four years to begin my report, but only from the time it was asked for.

The month of September, we took all of the children to the shore, thinking that the sea would do them more good than the doctor and medicine. You must know that children who have been starved for years and had no care cannot be in a very good physical condition; they are picking up now, however, and soon we hope to see red cheeks and sparkling eyes. The sea baths and good wholesome food did wonders for them, and although we returned from the month at the shore more weary than we

went, yet we had the satisfaction of seeing the children much better. The month gave us two homes instead of one to run, and during the month I had five Quarterly Conferences.

October 3rd, the Annual Conference opened and held over the 8th. The week was a very busy one for us; meeting every morning at 11, the Conference session at 6, in the evening, and then the regular meeting with special addresses at 7. Monday afternoon, as has been our custom for many years, a reception to the Delegates was given at Alexandrian

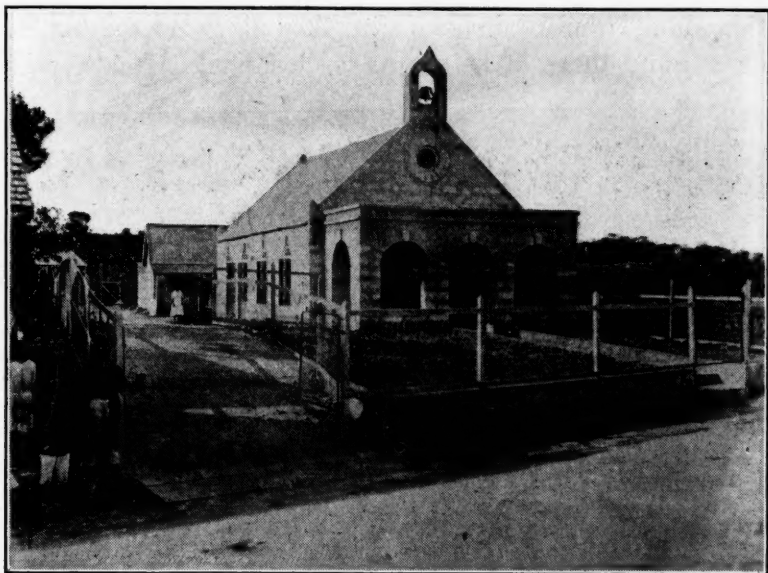


Group of Delegates to F. B. Conference, Barbados, W. I.

Court, by the Missionaries, and the Conference picture taken. About half of the Delegates were present for this, some from the country parishes not being able to get into town. The first business meeting of the Conference was then called to order and the officers for 1915-1916 were elected, and Superintendents appointed.

The week was one of blessing and power, not a meeting but souls were at the altar seeking Christ as their Saviour. The Missionary meeting on Thursday night was one of power. The report showed \$25.00 given by the women of that society and paid out to our native workers to help them in the country work. I say this that you may know that we are trying to help, and although our gift is like the "Widow's mite," yet God accepts it, as we give in His Name and for His glory. The work is steadily on the increase and the question is how to accomplish all there is to do.

A young man came recently to see me about a work we are considering in St. Joseph, I was there a week ago and held a meeting and am going again to see about buying the land and the mission hall. He said I want you the first Sunday in the month to come for communion and to consecrate my baby. I replied, the first Sunday morning, Communion and reception of members at Tudor St. First Free Baptist Church; at night, Communion at the Bethel Baptist; Second Sunday, Communion and re-



Budlong Memorial Church, Barbados

ception at Budlong Memorial Free Baptist Church, St. Phillips, Communion and meeting at Messiah St., St. John's; third Sunday, the Baptismal service, Communion and reception at "Cleveland Memorial" Free Baptist Church in the morning, Communion, etc., at the Packer Memorial, at night, and then across country to pick up the workers from St. John's to give them a lift into town. Fourth Sunday is Communion at Egolf Mission in the evening; so, at the present time, I have only the morning service of the fourth Sunday to give to anyone. Do you see how much I need an ordained minister here, with seven churches of my own and the Bethel Baptist, making eight churches a month to serve as minister, with baptisms, children consecrated, weddings, burials and Communions? These are *extras*, besides the regular mission work.

The Children's Home, with 17 children in it to look after, clothe, feed, educate, care for, needs one woman to mend and look after the Home alone, and another to superintend their education along all lines. I believe in educating a boy's body and hands as well as his brain, and we have hard work in doing that here in the West Indies, where children are taught that it is a disgrace to work, and that no lady or gentleman works. I have charge of the industrial department and I see that they learn to work. From six in the morning till eight, they each have their part of the grounds and garden to do; at eight, they all go to the big bath, with three showers, and there make clean, as cleanliness is closely related to



Day School Children, Egolf School, Barbados

godliness; eight-thirty is breakfast; after breakfast, prayers and the S. S. lesson for the day, and at ten, the school calls. Miss Banfield has the Egolf school, where the ragged children from the street go, and Mr. Harold Blades, one of my boys of *Hubert's* time, (my boy at Storer) and Miss St. Hill have charge of the school here at the Home, and only our own children, 17, and my Assistant Superintendent's, Mr. Elder's, three children attend. We have no public schools as we do at home, and the cost to send to a proper school here would be more per month than keeping the two teachers.

After the school closes, the boys water the garden, carry the food to the pigs, feed the calves, bring in milk and put up the three cows, etc., and

then comes supper, as they have dinner at one, when school closes for noon hour. After supper is meeting, sometimes, and most of the time lessons till eight, and 8.30 is bed time.

I wish to speak of the salaries paid to these teachers. Miss Bamfield was supported by our dear B. C. Jordan of sainted memory. This year, the support has failed, but I could not put her out of work, as the pittance we pay her is all she has, \$2.00 a month, and I give her the little house to live in. Dear friends, how would *you* live on \$2.00 a month? Is there not someone in the Homeland who will take this teacher and pay her this, or more, to help her keep body and soul together? Before I speak of the others, let me tell you that Miss Budlong is now paying \$100 per month, or \$1,200 a year, in salaries alone, and is spending ALL of her income in this work, and yet, it is not half enough to do what is needed here. Our hearts are made to ache every day over cases we cannot help and work we cannot do for lack of funds.

Mr. Blades is the young man I saved from prison about seven years ago, I went his bond and appealed his case, and as first offender, he was given in my charge. He has been thoroughly converted, but I cannot get work for him to do, and to help him have taken him here. He helps with the books and teaches the boys and gets 24 cents a day and his food. He is about twenty years of age. Is there not someone who will give him a chance in the Homeland among the friends of Jesus? Miss St. Hill is the daughter of one of our Deputy American Consuls here. Her father is dead, her brother is at the front, she gets \$6.00 to support herself and mother. I will let this suffice for this time, as my letter is getting long, but will tell you of others later.

Yours for God and Barbados,

(REV.) S. ANTOINETTE ESTERBROOK.

A NEW YEAR'S THOUGHT

(The following quotation, copied in her own handwriting, was found among the papers of Mrs. Mary R. Wade.)

"For looking backward through the year,
Along the way my feet have pressed,
I see sweet places everywhere,
Sweet places where my soul had rest.

My sorrows have not been so light,
The chastening hand I could not trace,
Nor have my blessings been so great
That they have hid my Father's face."

INTERCESSION, THE HIGHEST FORM OF SERVICE

The following extracts are taken from the report of an address by Rev. W. E. Doughty, D. D., printed in *The Woman's Missionary Friend*. They express so perfectly the thoughts we wish to emphasize in connection with the call for a Prayer League, that we are happy to pass them on to HELPER readers.—EDITOR.

The Christian armor is described in the sixth chapter of Ephesians, and its most important piece is named in verse eighteen—"Pray at all times in the Spirit." This is the secret of a victorious ministry. There is no greater challenge than the challenge of the ministry of intercession.

There are three forms of prayer. [The author here comments on two forms, "communion" and "petition."]

The third and highest form of prayer is intercession. This is the selfless form of prayer for others. It is world-wide and miles deep—the prayer that costs more than any other form, that liberates the mightiest energy that human lives can realize. If the women of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society become real intercessors, they are going to burn up the costliest fuel in the world—nerve, energy, the very life. Gordon says, "Communion and petition store up power, but it is intercession which lets out that power in behalf of mankind."

There are four simple propositions concerning intercession.

First, intercession is a great, living reality among world forces in the expansion of Christianity. I have a friend who said in my hearing that for the last seven years he had corresponded with thirty-five missionaries in all parts of the world. Not one letter had contained a complaint or a selfish request, but every single one had in it the request, "Pray for us." The missionaries feel that intercession is a great working force of Christianity. When we become real intercessors, we put the lever of Almighty God under continents and nations and pry them apart for his kingdom.

How do you account for Ramabai, over there in India? A friend who was coming to this country for the Student Volunteer meeting said to her, "What message shall I take to the women of America?"

And Ramabai replied: "Tell the women of America to pray for me."

"But you have this financial load, these women and children to care for; shall I not ask for money?"

Sweetly came the answer, "Tell the women of America to pray for me. If they *really* pray, I shall have everything else that I need."

Second, intercession is the putting forth of the vital energy of the Church. Ordinarily, we think in this connection of the giving of life and of money, but intercession is as practical a putting forth of the vitality of the Church as the sending of missionaries or the giving of money. The only way in which one can be omnipresent is by intercession. No one can be bodily present in every part of the world, no one can put his money in every part of the world; but by real intercession he can exert his personality in every part of the planet if he is willing to do it. Paul says of Epaphras, "This man hath much labor for you," and his labor was prayer. If you think Paul impractical, turn to the practical James, who says, "The supplication of a righteous man availeth much *in its working*."

None of us believe that prayer changes the will of God, but prayer puts at the disposal of God power that makes it possible to change the wills of men. If we are too tired at night to pray, we deprive God of power through which he could work. Prayer is putting at the disposal of God energy that he can use for definite work in the world. Prayer is a dynamic—it does things. It releases spiritual energies that are practically limitless.

Third, intercession is the climax of the equipment of the spiritual warrior, the world winner. Read again on your knees, or at least, with your soul on its knees, that sixth chapter of Ephesians. Many times we stop at "the helmet of salvation" and "the sword of the Spirit," but the climax is "praying with all prayer and the Spirit." I can say after eighteen years of experience that of all the equipment for service there is nothing that enriches life like prayer. There is a temptation to depend on organization, on wonderful speeches, on machinery. We must have all these things, but the wheels of the engine must be driven by the power of the living Lord. It is intercession that releases the almightiness of God in this missionary enterprise. The pathway to victory will be trodden hard by the feet of holy women along the pathway of intercessory prayer.

Last of all, intercession is the decisive human factor in the conflict for spiritual mastery.

Henry W. Frost of the China Inland Mission says that there are three words that represent the three stages through which we are to pass as we grow up into the exercise of the privilege of intercession. The first is *Amplification*. This means praying for every bit of the whole world and for workers at home as abroad. It is like putting one's finger on the center of spiritual power in the centers of mankind.

The second word is *Specification*. This is getting one's heart down to definite, hard, knotty problems that seem insoluble. Such prayer means taking time. Sometimes your life will be cut as with a sharp dagger. Sometimes it will mean sleepless nights; but it also means the sweetest human ministry of which any life is capable in this world. I should like to see raised up a company of women who would pray for every missionary, no matter where. At least you can pray for every woman who has been sent out by your Branch.

The third word is *Identification*. I wonder if we can go all the way there with our Lord. It does not mean simply to pray that God will bless somebody away off there, but it means that our lives are to be tied up with the problems of others. There is not one word about what Christ has been doing since his ascension, except in the seventh chapter of Hebrews, where it says: "He is able to save unto the uttermost, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession"—a prayer two thousand years long. Surely if Christ wanted to shut us away from all the activities of his life since the ascension it must be because he wanted to pour into our hearts the thought that the greatest thing man can do is to make intercession. It seems to indicate that redemption cannot be completed without intercession. * * *

QUIZ

- When are we millionaires of joy?
- Who said, and under what circumstances, "We are suffering no more than Jesus did?"
- What were the outer and inner experiences of a young woman in Persia?
- What is said of a brave American institution?
- How did Storer College open?
- What is the secret of Seba's power?
- What are the surroundings of Christmas in India?
- How do the missionaries celebrate—at home, Sinclair Orphanage, Church, Widows' Home?
- Who and what is little Joy?
- For what kind of a conference does Mrs. Hartley call?
- A Little Widow—who can tell a sad story with a bright ending?
- How did they celebrate Christmas at Storer?
- Who is Suklal Patra? What did he do?

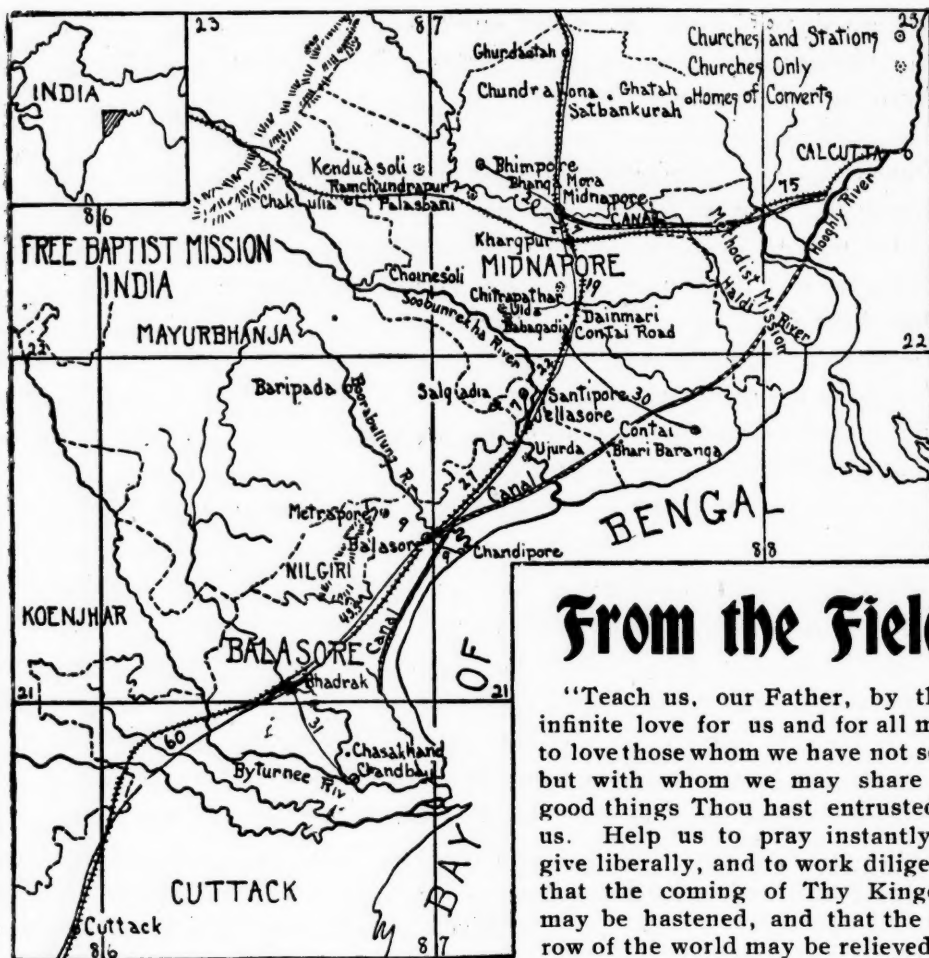
What good word comes from one auxiliary?
 What young people's society keeps interest at high water mark?
 Where was an inspiring Rally?
 What is a splendid plan?
 What points were emphasized in meetings in Michigan?
 What messages were received from our outgoing missionaries?
 What demands special seasons of communion?
 What auxiliary is "neighboring" this winter, and how?
 What did a N. H. auxiliary do "to-get-her"?
 What was a salad course?
 Who is the children's missionary?
 What was the largest contribution in October?
 Who can tell the wonderful names?

(Answers may be found in the December HELPER.)

AUXILIARY NOTES.—At the annual meeting of the Saco, Me., F. B. W. M. S., the treasurer reported \$189.94, money raised in the year 1915. The Superintendent of Advanced Light Bearers reported 53 members, and Superintendent of Little Light Bearers, 47 members. The social committee reported 216 calls made, 210 garments given away.

Mrs. Binford gave an interesting account of the inception of the society thirty-seven years ago and a call upon Mrs. Eben Bradbury, the only charter member now living. It was after listening to an address by Lavina Crawford, a returned missionary, that a few ladies gathered in the home of Mrs. Bradbury and decided that a Foreign Missionary society ought to be organized; accordingly a canvass was begun; most of the ladies interviewed, however, thought there were "heathen enough at home." Nothing daunted, these faithful women again met and organized a Woman's Missionary Society, with four members, Mrs. Eben Bradbury, Mrs. Obediah Durgin, Mrs. William Graffam and Miss Hutchins. So "the little one has become"—not "a thousand," but, almost a hundred.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. *Dover*.—"We had a delightful missionary meeting in December. Seven ladies were dressed in India costumes and made their pleas to America, who was draped with a beautiful flag. There were also a medical missionary and an American traveler. All took their parts well. There were two piano solos by one of our girls, and Mrs. Nellie Brown Mitchell of Boston was present and sang several times. Dainty refreshments were served from a tea wagon. Thirty-five were present, besides nine children. We are always glad to have the mothers bring their little ones."



From the Field

"Teach us, our Father, by thine infinite love for us and for all men, to love those whom we have not seen, but with whom we may share the good things Thou hast entrusted to us. Help us to pray instantly, to give liberally, and to work diligently that the coming of Thy Kingdom may be hastened, and that the sorrow of the world may be relieved."

THRILLING EXPERIENCES

HATIGARH, BALASORE DISTRICT,
ORISSA, INDIA, November 1, 1915.

My Dear Friends:

We are having thrillingly interesting experiences here in Santipore. Saturday, a little Hindu wife about eleven years old came in, declaring she had come to stay and would never go back. Yesterday some of her people came to look for her. Her story was that for a month or two she had been half starved, although her husband and mother-in-law had enough. One day she was a little late getting the rice cooked and her

husband threw a low stool at her; it struck her ankle and hurt her badly. She was standing in the road crying when a passing Santal asked her what was the matter. On hearing the story of her troubles, the Santal advised her to come to us, where she would be taken in and cared for. So she came. She had never seen white folks, close to, before, and did not talk much, but now she is used to us she chatters like any child.

The people who came for her asked if she would go back with them. She said no, she would not. Miss Butts had given the hungry child something to eat, and knowing the final effect it would have, she said, "I have eaten." [This made her outcast.] Of course, that settled the matter with the men and woman and they turned at once to go away. I tried persuading her, but she said she would be cut to pieces or killed first, but she would not go. So now we may fairly call her our own. She is a pretty, bright looking child. She saw a white man for the first time when Mr. Collett came and finds him very interesting. When he comes into the room, she pulls her veil over her face and from its safe shelter looks at him frankly. She is absolutely fearless, which is unique in a Hindu child.

Isn't it an interesting phase of Hinduism that a child should find no shelter among her own, and a fine comment on Christianity that in her extremity she should come to Christians?

I wonder if you know about Bansboni, the Santal village three miles away, where 10 have been baptized. This morning, Mr. Collett said he was going out to baptize others, and asked if I would go. I was very pleased to go, and so eight bearers were ordered for the chair and palinquin. It was a pretty morning and the way there, over open space, jungle and rice fields, and through water courses, is always pleasing.

We went to the house of the principal man and found some of the native workers already there. While others came and the villagers gathered, we sang some weird Santal hymns, and when I knew I could play the tune I joined in with my flute harmonium. One was so interesting, but you would not imagine that a tune *could* be interesting in which only three notes are used; would you?

After we had sung several tunes, the preacher, whom Mr. Collett brought from Balasore, gathered the candidates together, talked to and questioned them. Another man spoke, also in Santali, and there was prayer, then we went down to the stream and Mr. Collett baptized 6 men and boys and 5 women and girls. Now there are 21 new Christians there.

We greatly need a good Santal pastor to organize a church, live there with the people and teach them the way. We go over once a week and hold service with them, but they need more than that.

November 2nd. I was a real bona fide medical missionary this morning! There must have been fifteen or twenty patients. One of them was a man for whom a blacksmith extracted an upper molar last week. He declared he had lost three quarts of blood! He looked so ghastly, I could quite credit it. He came for his last treatment this morning and his gratitude was quite embarrassing. He declared I had given him life again when he was on the way to sure death, and so on. Children with fever, and others, came into the morning's work; and finally, the formal initiation of the little Hindu child into the Christian family, with an oil rub, hot bath and close hair cut, which was very necessary. Now, she is really ours. I wonder if in future years she will come back and look up her people and tell them of the love of Jesus that saved her.

We now hear various interesting stories about her. The very last was that Hindu neighbors urged one of our women to feed her rice so her caste would be broken and she would be an outcast. They, the Hindu neighbors, think she has done just the right thing in coming to us. Isn't that interesting? Fifty years ago it would have been impossible.

We thought of sending her at once to Sinclair Orphanage, but we are keeping her until she gets adjusted to eating her fill. She has been underfed so long, I am afraid we shall have trouble with her.

Later. I have just looked her up and found that she has fever, poor little mite! She has a pathetic moan when asleep that quite excites our sympathy. She cheerfully announced, this morning, that she feels well.

Her education is to begin this afternoon. She is to have a tutor for two hours, if she can stand it so long, and be taught Oriya. Her teacher is a Santal Christian who was sent to Calcutta to school. She has very pleasing manners and a gentle, loving way that wins the hearts of her pupils. Some months ago, she took a run down school of Santali children and has done wonderfully with it, increasing the members and developing the manners of the youngsters. I wouldn't have thought it possible for her to teach them so much in so short a time. Her name is Seeta, and though she is a Christian girl, her brother, a non-Christian, is glad to have her live with him.

November 4th. Last night, I went "magic lanterning" out to Bans-

boni, where the new Christians are. We had an audience of something less than one hundred, who listened attentively to the "Old, old story of Jesus and His Love."

If you ever come to India, be sure to come here about this time, when the world is fresh and green and the rice crop still growing. The nights are cool and the days not so hot. Take walks on rice field ridges and hear the hiss of the growing grain as the wind caresses it, and the gurgle of the life-giving water as it runs from field to field. And then go again at night, when the fields sleep in the dark or in the bright moonlight; and if you are an early riser, watch them waking in the morning, when the wind combs them, and the sun dries the dew from them.

I have been interrupted many times. Now it is mail day and my letter must start on its journey.

With love to you all,

MARY W. BACHELER.

WORD FROM OUR WAYFARERS

The following personal letter from Miss Barnes was begun on the Steamship "Tamba Maru", Pacific Ocean, Nov. 5, and mailed at Yokohama, Japan, Nov. 22, 1915. A small map, enclosed, indicates the 4300 miles from Seattle to Yokohama, with Miss Barnes' annotation:

"It's a long way to Yokohama,
It's a long way to go,
But we are getting there."

My dear Mrs. Whitcomb:

The waves are tossing high this morning and a little while ago I got a wetting on deck, so now I'm in my cabin talking to you.

As we wrote you before, we left Seattle, Nov. 2nd. These boats, the Japanese mail steamers, make four trips a year from Seattle to Hong Kong and return. Two trips are pleasant, the officers say, and two are cold and stormy. We have been in the latter sure enough! I was thankful for warm clothing. The Pacific seems as rough as the Atlantic, but we are getting on very well—neither of us has been seasick. But we must not boast!

The sea is grand to look at, great waves every once in a while washing over the deck. I don't care to get into that kind of a bath! Every morning I waken with thankfulness in my heart. This morning

I sang before I was up, a parody that came into my mind on the old hymn, "Safely through another week." Here it is:—

"Safely through another night
God has brought us on our way.
He has held the wind and waves
In his great, almighty sway.
Let us now our voices raise
In our Father's grateful praise."

All the officers and stewards, and all employed on this ship, are Japanese. The forty-five first and second class passengers are going to Japan, China, the Philippines, one to Russia, one young woman to Java, and your two friends to India.

This North Pacific route is very cold and rough. It is too cold to enjoy being out on deck long at a time.

Nov. 19. We have had a very rough voyage, but now the sea is calm and we are going along beautifully. We have had all kinds of weather except hot and thunder showers. We are hoping for a clear day to enter Yokohama, so that we may have a good view of Fujiama, the sacred mountain.

"Thus far the Lord has led us on."

With love,

EMILIE E. BARNES.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT CONTAI

By HEMNATH SARKAR.

The last quarterly meeting was held at Contai, 36 miles from the railway station. Bullock cart is the only sure conveyance available in the rainy season to bring the delegates to the out-of-the-way place. Some could not attend it for bad roads and foul weather. Though not in body, yet in spirit, all were present. From all the stations, prayers were offered for the outpouring of His spirit upon the brethren assembled in the name of the Lord. In the opening meeting, all went to the Lord in prayer for the manifestation of His spirit. The meeting, from start to finish, was all-absorbing and inspiring. New thoughts and beauties of the oft-heard tenets of the Bible flashed in the minds of the hearers who felt the spiritual uplifting of their souls. Some of the speakers were unavoidably absent, yet the Lord wonderfully led those who took upon themselves to handle their subjects.

It was an imposing and delightful sight to behold the heathen teachers and pupils of our fourteen Sunday schools congregated in our corrugated iron chapel to hear of "The Life and Light" of the world.

Before going to the market held on Sundays to bear witness unto His name to the gentiles of the surrounding villages gathered by hundreds, the brethren offered prayers in the church to be endowed with power from on high. Though the clouds were hanging in the sky and the rains were about to burst forth, still a large crowd gathered round us—as the hymn was sung—to hear the message of salvation delivered to them.

The veteran of the Bible School was voted to the chair to lead us all through the business meeting and especially to summarize all the important items of the different churches for submission to the annual Conference for consideration.

One pleasing phase of the quarterly gathering was the interchange of guests among the hosts to promote equality, fraternity and unity amongst all.

Some of the brethren could not make out why the pastor of the Indian Church at Kharagpore walked in the rainy season 36 miles and back to the quarterly meeting, though he was offered a seat in the bullock cart. Perhaps it was an object lesson to the brethren who begged to be excused from the meeting.

It is a glad tidings that an independent worker joined us. Hurrah! We hail the time when the Lord shall raise fervent workers amongst us to lead their benighted countrymen to Him who bled and died to save them from sin and snares of this world.

Be glad and rejoice all ye that are upright in heart and pray for the workers.

Contai, India.

OUR WESTERN FIELD WORKER IN MICHIGAN

My dear friends:—

September 20th found us in conference with Michigan's splendid, resourceful President. The next day was spent with the Green Oaks Auxiliary at Rushton. About forty women gathered for the dinner, at which time it was discovered that we were celebrating the Pastor's birthday. Following the merriment came an hour of serious consideration of W. M. S. problems and possibilities. . . . On to Wixom for the evening, where local

circumstances prevented our meeting very many. There is no Auxiliary at Wixom. . . . Reaching Goodrich almost as soon as did the announcement of coming, we found a welcome and a Pastor who was willing to give both of his Sunday services, and there was the first new Auxiliary organized, with four members. (Within three weeks, they had doubled the membership and placed a HELPER in every represented home but one.) . . . Bright and early Monday, Miss Fannie Ries drove across country twelve miles, that we might meet with the Davison Auxiliary. . . . Busy as bees with their annual chicken pie supper, the sisters at Kingston still had a welcome for the stranger. Dear Mrs. Patten, a pioneer in this Q. M. in W. M. S. work, presided at the meeting, where a splendid audience greeted us. Five new members were added that night and they were enthusiastically planning advance work. . . . The next day, across country with Brother Sutphan to Dayton, where we attended the prayer meeting and had a little glimpse of the April Auxiliary that furnished such an enjoyable missionary program at the September Q. M. . . . Then Rich, where we met six women in the home of Sister Butler. This was another of the April Auxiliaries. Such a good hour as it was and the Spirit was there. Though few in number, these are not discouraged and are planning a regular study for this year. . . . An hour with the Mayville Auxiliary, which is vitally interested in its Young Women. Plans are forming for some definite work with them. . . . Reaching Elsie "at the wrong time, by the wrong train" (but really the only way), late Saturday night, we did not find "our ain people" till church time Sunday morning, when we were given both services by a *much* relieved pastor. The M. E. people added enthusiasm to the evening meeting by taking up their service and joining with us. Under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Wright, this Auxiliary is moving forward. . . . At Crystal we found, in the parsonage, Rev. and Mrs. Glazier and little Vernal, former acquaintances. Brother Glazier rejoiced that he need not drive over ten foot snow drifts to take us to his appointments (he was not the only one rejoicing). Here is a pastor with *three* churches. At South Crystal, Tuesday evening, was formed an Auxiliary of five members. Wednesday at South Evergreen, after much prayer, an Auxiliary of six organized, and Thursday afternoon at Crystal, one of nine members. . . . Sparta gave the prayer meeting hour for the work, and a good audience, Thursday evening. We didn't get a chance to ask if they were willing to organize. It was fitting that a daughter of Mrs. Rexford and niece of Mrs. L. C. Griffin should speak right out

and say, "I want an Auxiliary." (Praise the Lord for people who know what they want!) Rev. Taylor made a splendid membership committee, and the organization was completed with sixteen members. . . . Again at North Chester was prayer answered, and an organization placed with four members and one honorary. . . . Another Saturday afternoon, and in Belmont amid all its beauty of hill and river and October color. Those few hours in the home of Brother and Sister Packer were a Sabbath preparation. Sunday, Belmont added another organization with five members and three honorary, and a very active HELPER agent had secured three subscriptions before adjournment. . . . Sunday afternoon up through the beauty of wood-roads to the West Cannon Church for evening service. This is an Auxiliary Aid combination but no study. . . . At Gobles, we met but a few of our women, as it was just at the "going home" of "Father Herron," a loved member of the Auxiliary. . . . Tuesday evening at Covey Hill with a goodly number of helpful discussions. After part of two days in the home of faithful Sister Hymes, Rev. Woods drove fifteen miles to place the worker in the West Oshtemo Church, where we found a helpful audience and enthusiastic auxiliary of thirty members studying Child in the Midst. . . . Passing through Battle Creek, on our way to the next appointment, spent a few hours with Mrs. Stone and were privileged to meet Miss Coombs, then en route to India. . . . Saturday, at Maple Grove, an auxiliary of six was formed. Brother Gentz, the pastor, gave us his morning service at Maple Grove and the afternoon at Cooks Prairie. Again in the evening at Cooks Prairie. . . . Back to Battle Creek for final instructions, then on to Haslett for the State Association. It was a matter of keen regret to all that Mrs. Stone could not be present, but she was fortunate in having such an able Vice President in Mrs. Abbie Dunn Slayton, who carried the meetings splendidly. The advance of the past year enthused the women to attempt greater things, and the Standard of Excellence adopted for the coming year is splendid. . . . May we quote summary from the report to the Western Committee?:—21 churches visited; 6 parlor meetings; 18 public meetings, followed by conference with women; 24 meetings in all; 3 days spent at State Association, at Haslett, with several meetings and conferences; 8 new auxiliaries formed, enrolling 55 new members. Altogether the W. M. S. work was presented to about 1,000 different persons, and 60 women were added to the State Enrollment, as a direct result of the month's work. . . . Only three *wanted* the worker before she went. Three others were wanting her for whom

no time could be found, when she came home. Surely the Spirit touched hearts. Praise Him who answers prayer!

It has been a privilege, pleasure and uplift to work with the Michigan women, under the direction of their consecrated President. The kindnesses and consideration of pastors and people will long be remembered very gratefully.

Yours sincerely,

INAH GATES STOUT.

Champlin, Minn., Dec. 9, 1915.

TREASURER'S NOTES

Miss. Margaret Slattery,—that queen of Christian teachers—in a recent address setting forth the value of the Home Department in connection with Sunday school work, showed how vitally essential it is to the success of the work as a whole, and how much needed.

Terse sentences, dynamic in appeal, always stand out from her messages in one's mind, clear and permanent, like beacon lights pointing the way to action.

"Remember the home friends, connect them with the workers" was such an one, and as she pictured the pathos of the shut-in lives, whatever the occasion of one's shutting away from life's activities, we saw the value of this work as never before.

She suggested that classes and individuals adopt "shut-ins."

But what has the Home Department work of the S. S. to do with that of our W. M. Society?

A point of contact seems indicated in the appreciative words which come to our Editor and to this office, and this because of the close touch which has been given, through *HELPER* or written words to individual home friends, who are at a distance from auxiliary or church groups.

A service two fold in value results whether the Home Department work is that of Sunday school, church or woman's missionary society, viz.: individual satisfaction in knowledge received with resulting deepened interest, and joy in again being a part of the work, rather than apart from it.

Some auxiliaries have already seen this opportunity of service.

We are passing on suggestions for promoting missionary education in the church, gathered from a recent stirring missionary address: Form

a local church missionary committee composed of representatives from society, church, W. M. S., Sunday school, etc., which shall work out a program suitable to every department with a central theme, provision also being made for presentation of missions from the pulpit, in missionary discussion groups, by distribution of literature, etc.

This was the opening and challenging thought of an address by the author of that wonderfully helpful little pamphlet—"the Life that wins": "Is your kind of Christianity worth sending to the non-Christian world? The kind you live today, and lived yesterday?"

He claimed that it should be, because the *personal victorious life is the basis of world evangelism*.

He then led us to see how it is possible for one to step from the Christian life, of fluctuating character in its consciousness of God, out into the *victorious life* that brings revolutionary results into other lives as well as our own, and this by means of self surrender and Christ control—"Let go and let God."

Illustrating the simplicity of giving Christ supreme control of our lives, "letting Him do it all," he gave this answer of a little child to a question asked her with reference to overcoming temptation: "I let Jesus go to the door when Satan comes and Satan says, 'I beg your pardon, this is the wrong house.'"

By legacy under will of the late Mrs. Maria C. Grover, of Lisbon Falls, Me., permanent support for a child in Sinclair Orphanage will be provided. Her interest in our work has been *active* and faithful.

Two days prior to her passing on, presumably on October 20th, at Massachusetts State Rally, Mrs. E. N. Fernald, late of Bedford, Mass., arranged for a gift to the work of our woman's missionary society, which was promptly paid. This recalls our *Morning Star* of which her husband was publisher, together with the generous service rendered our Free Baptist denomination by both Mr. and Mrs. Fernald.

Almost six months of our W. M. S. financial year have passed. How do they compare in point of effort and receipts with those of last year?

Will each one inquire with reference to *her* auxiliary?

Cordially in service,

EDYTH R. PORTER.

47 Andover St., Peabody, Mass.

GENERAL SUBSCRIPTION AGENT'S NOTES

Some six weeks ago, Mrs. Whitcomb asked me how the subscription list was coming on. I did not answer her at the time—either directly or through my HELPER notes. I wanted to wait and find out myself.

I thought, too, that if I waited, I would have a bigger story to tell, and I have. At this writing, December 10, 1915, our subscription list has been increased by about 125 names since the fall campaign began. Only 25 subscribers have discontinued. This makes a net gain of 100. And several agents are yet to be heard from. We can start the new year with gratitude and joyous expectation.

I do not feel that I can put the remainder of the space allotted me this month to better service for the HELPER than to use it for the reproduction of a letter received last week from Colorado:—

"Dear Miss Mosher:

I find that my subscription for the HELPER has expired and I do not want to lose a single number, as it is the only denominational news I get and every number seems better than the last. I think I have taken the dear little magazine about 25 years.

Please find enclosed a \$2.50 gold coin that I have had nearly 13 years, a golden wedding gift. This is the last but one. Please send me the HELPER for a year and keep the rest for the Sustaining Fund. I would love to do more if I could. I cannot go to church any more as I am quite lame, rarely going out of doors. Am spending my last days with my daughters, who are very, very good to me. May God bless you in your work and the subscription list continue to grow, is the prayer of my heart.

Sincerely,

MRS. C. P. GRIFFIN."

In the wintry heaven
Shines a wondrous star;
In the East the wise men
Watched it from afar,
Asking, "What this luster
So unearthly bright?"
Answering, "Christ in glory
Comes to earth tonight!"

O'er the dusty highway,
O'er the deserts drear,
From the East the wise men
Watch it shining clear;
Asking, "Shall we follow
In the starlit way?"
Answering, "Yes, 'twill lead us
To the perfect day."

—*Children's Missionary Friend.*

Helps for Monthly Meetings

"Study it in, pray it through, work it out."

Topics for 1915-16

September—	Opening Meeting and Quiz Social.
October—	Along Old Mission Trails.
November—	Storer College.
December—	Beginnings in India.
January—	Social Christianity in India and Burma.
February—	Prayer and Praise.
March—	A Nation at School (China).
April—	Korea's United Church.
May—	Thank Offering.
June—	Japan's Response to the Gospel.
July—	Missionary Field Day

FEBRUARY.—PRAYER AND PRAISE.

"Prayer," said Tennyson, "opens the sluice-gates between us and the Infinite." It brings the frail wire into contact with the battery. It links together God and man.—*Dr. Jowett.*

SUGGESTIVE PROGRAM.

HYMN.—"Pray, Always Pray." (*Missionary Hymnal*, page 40.)

BIBLE READING.—Luke 11:5-13; Matt. 26:41; Romans 12:12; James 1:5, 6; Hebrews 4:16; I Timothy 2:1-4; I Thess. 5:16-18; Col. 4:2; Phil. 4:6, 7—followed by the Lord's Prayer in Unison.

READING.—"A Call to Prayer." Brief prayer by the Leader that this meeting may be one of power to quicken our own prayer-life; bring blessing to our workers at home and abroad; and that our petitions, united with the multitude which are constantly ascending to God, may thus share in the mighty influences used by infinite wisdom for world-wide purposes.

"God has, we know not why, but we know he has, given prayer a place and power that render it indispensable."

SINGING.—"My Faith Looks Up To Thee."

"Faith adds a mysterious 'plus' to my powers."—*Dr. Jowett.*

PRAYER THEMES. *At Home.* Pray for our officers, our committee on conference with Baptist workers, our HELPER, our churches, auxiliaries, young people, children; for Storer College, its teachers, pupils and needs; our Field Workers; for unexpected gifts to the treasury; for renewed emphasis on the spiritual motive in our work. Pray definitely that each one of these may receive the needed inspiration and help.

READING.—"A Missionary's Plea."

Will you not pray for us? Each day we need
Your prayers, for oft the way is rough and long,
And our lips falter and forget their song,
As we proclaim the Word men will not heed.

Will you not pray for us? Alone we stand
To stem the awful tide of sin and shame,
To cast out demons in the mighty Name
Which is alone the hope of every land.

Pray for us! We are but vessels frail;
The world's appalling need would crush us down
Save that in vision we behold the crown
Upon His brow who shall at length prevail!

Not yet the crowning! Fields must first be won,
Lives freely yielded, martyr blood be spilt,
Love cast out fear, redemption blot out guilt,
Ere we behold the Kingdom of God's Son.

We shall behold it! Lo, His Word stands sure,
Our King shall triumph in a world set free.
With joy His chosen ones His reign shall see!
Pray for us, brother, that we may endure!

—*Baptist Missionary Herald of England.*

PRAYER THEMES.—*Abroad.* Pray for our missionaries, especially that they may be kept in peace in this time of stress; that they may have health and courage and joy of spirit; for our native workers as they go about their daily tasks; for all schools and other institutions in the Bengal-Orissa Field; for the children in the orphanages and the widows in the Home. Prayer for all, of whatever name or nation, who are helping to bring in the Kingdom of Righteousness. Call attention to and explain the "League of Prayer."

"Every prayer of faith rings the door-bell of heaven, and secures response. God can hear, and he does hear. God can help, and he does help. God can answer, and he does answer. God has not withdrawn from this world and left it to run itself. He is not far from any of us. . . . When we kneel, he sees us. When we pray, he hears us. He has a special, separate, discriminating, personal, constant interest in every child."—*George Darsie.*
Closing Prayer of Praise.

SINGING.—"We Praise Thee, O God."

Our praising God should not be as sparks out of a flint, but as water out of a spring—natural, ready, free, as God's love to us is. Mercy pleases Him, so should praise please us. It is our happiness when the best part in us is exercised about the best and highest work, It was a good speech of him that said: "If God had made me a nightingale, I would have sung as a nightingale; but now God hath made me a man, I will sing forth the praises of God, which is the work of a saint only." "All Thy works bless Thee, and Thy saints praise Thee."—*The (London) Christian.*

THE MISSIONARY HELPER BRANCH OF THE International Sunshine Society

All letters, packages, or inquiries concerning this page or sunshine work should be addressed to Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, 593 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., president of this branch.

The Helper Branch was organized in January, 1900, making it fifteen years this month that we have been passing on good cheer. We are thankful to all who have had a part in this sunshine work.

Since the report in the October HELPER, the following have become members of our Branch: Mrs. F. Sowles, Kalamazoo, Michigan, who has given \$1.00 for the Blind Babies and sent messages and gifts direct to a number of our invalids; Mrs. L. G. Lane, Hampton, N. H., whose initiation dues was the generous gift of \$5.00 "to be used where most needed"; Mrs. A. J. Watts, Arlington, R. I., has become interested in our Sunshine work, and has given us a large number of assorted postals, and sent silk pieces to one of our members who wished for just that kind of cheer; the Misses Mary and Grace Hilton, Carolina, R. I., sent in mounted cards which have been used in our children's work. Our Branch has already received benefit from these earnest co-workers, and we extend to each a most loving welcome into our Sunshine family.

Kind Deeds. Mrs. F. A. Lawry has collected another lot of useful articles for us to pass on. Miss Bessie M. Blood has given a package of picture cards, etc. A Maine sister has sent us a package of Portland souvenir postals. We will gladly send them out to those who can never visit other places on account of poor health. Mrs. Mary L. Tinkham has given fancy and useful gifts for us to distribute, and asked for a list of names, as she wished to send booklets and cards direct. Mrs. F. J. Herberth also asked for a list of addresses of those who would enjoy written messages. Mrs. Mary P. Parker has remembered us again with a gift of \$1.00. Mrs. F. E. Edgecomb, stamped cards and box. Mrs. J. W. Burgin, cards and \$1 for Sunshine work. Mrs. A. L. Hagar and Miss A. T. Allen have passed on post cards.

Miss Ida M. Batchelder is sending out literature and has cheered us again with a gift of \$5.00. Miss Batchelder has been a generous helper for the past eight years. Mrs. R. M. F. Buzzell, another of our generous members has sent in her gift of \$5, which was received with deep gratitude. Mrs. E. M. Wilbur is living a life filled with daily acts of kindness. In her last letter she enclosed a mite for Branch needs. Mrs. M. E. Black gave \$2, which was used for the needy and sick at Christmas. Miss Helen E. Wentworth, \$1 for Christmas cheer.

A Rhode Island member sent in a gift of money for holiday use. Mrs. Mary B. Wingate has given a number of her booklets, "Grain from Life's Harvest," with stamps for mailing. Mrs. M. F. Heath has moved to Augusta, Maine, and will in her usual manner find many ways of scattering sunshine in the new home. Mrs. Etta Webber, formerly of Maine, writes from her home in sunny California that she still can find the opportunity of doing kind acts in the name of Sunshine. Miss Franc De Loache reports writing a number of letters and cards and making visits to those who are shut in.

Through the secretary, Miss Mary A. Page, the Alpha Class of the North Berwick Free Baptist church have given \$1 for Sunshine work. Mrs. H. R. Clark, one of our blind sisters, sent in a package of useful articles and \$2 in money to be used for one of our invalid members; her niece, Miss Mittie A. Devereaux, is interested in the Blind Babies, and sent 25c for their needs. Mrs. Nettie A. Fowler has given a fine crib quilt to be used in the Blind Babies' Home. Miss E. J. Small sent in safety pins and hair ribbons. There is always a need of these articles in the Home. Mrs. Bryant Thayer, 57 Canal St., Hinsdale, N. H., has given cards and booklets. Mrs. Thayer is a shut-in and would like silk and wool pieces to work on during the winter. Mrs. Lena Celwarth, an invalid 85 years old, would enjoy cheering messages; address care Old People's Home, South Haven, Michigan.

We regret to announce the death of Miss S. Ethel Hanson of West Kennebunk, Maine, who passed away after much suffering. A beloved aunt gave this sweet tribute to her memory: "Little white souled Ethel has left us. Hers was a beautiful life, a beautiful death; and a beautiful memory is left to us who loved her best." Miss Marilla M. Rich of Charleston, Maine, an aged saint, has left the home here for the home in Heaven.

Practical Christian Living

We are not called to be pools of privilege, but channels of blessing.—*Helen Barrett Montgomery.*

"Cups of cold water," simple ministeries of refreshment, the love-thought, the love-prayer, the love-word—these are the privileged services of all of us.—*Dr. Jowett.*



OUR QUIET HOUR

(10 A. M.)

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

. . . *Pray!* Neglect of prayer impoverishes the inner life. *Pray!* Failure to pray makes impossible the bestowment of our heavenly Father's best gifts. *Pray!* . . .

Pray unceasingly. We should pray continually because of our continual need of Divine wisdom and guidance. The Christian who stops praying will soon find himself in a situation where he will be compelled to pray. . . . All prayer; prayer all the time; prayer for all men; prayer for all our needs; prayer always and for all things—this is to us the Spirit-directed message through the always praying apostle.

Pray with entreaty. True prayer is born of the heart's desire and of the heart's supplication. "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." (Jer. 29:13).

Heart prayers avail. It is the heart-born petition of one whose life is right before God, that avails much in its working. *Pray! Pray as Jacob prayed at Bethel.*

Pray on every fitting occasion. Our Lord urged fidelity and constancy in prayer. "Men ought always to pray and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). Therefore, when any need arises, pray. When any trial comes, pray. When dealing with any matter, small or great, pray. Be ever alert to seize every opportunity for prayer.

Pray in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the "Inspirer of supplication according to the will of God" (Rom. 8:27). The Holy Spirit is the efficient Teacher in the school of prayer. When our prayers spring out of a life that is in living union with the Lord, then it is that we pray in the Spirit.

Pray with unwearied persistence. "Pray often," said Jeremy Taylor, "and you will pray oftener, until you end in praying without ceasing." *Pray "with all perseverance."* Our prayer should be patient and courageous and constant. When we pray with "all perseverance" we will watch in prayer. We will be wide awake in prayer. We will aim always to be untired in prayer. We will pray until God's answer comes.

Pray on behalf of God's people everywhere. "Like the buckets that hang in our houses," wrote one of the ablest of Puritan expositors, "which are for the use of the whole town when any house is on fire, the spirit of prayer is a public treasure, though laid up in some few hands. . . .

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God intends the good of others in all his gifts to particular saints; the way to lose our gift is to hoard it up, and not lay it out for the end it was given." Our Lord said, "When we pray, say, 'Our Father.'" We cannot pray prevailingly for ourselves if we pray only for ourselves.—*From The Bible Today.*

Words from Home Workers

"Our Heavenly Father, make us ashamed to receive without giving, to enjoy without toil, to revel in the advantages of Thy Kingdom without sharing to the utmost in its tasks. In the name and power of Jesus Christ, make us factors of redemption and servants of human need."

MICHIGAN.—Another year of our labor as a Michigan Free Baptist W. M. S. has gone, to bring results for time and for eternity.

We very much regretted the absence of our beloved president at the association session which convened at Haslett; although confined to her home, she has been so faithful and energetic with her time and pen, we attribute much of the splendid spirit of the meeting to her efforts and prayers.

Mrs. Inah G. Stout, Western Field Worker, added much inspiration to the meeting, having just completed an itinerary of the state, in which, during her two visits, she organized 14 auxiliaries with 81 members. We believe more than this has been accomplished: that the churches and auxiliaries have a better understanding of our relations to the Baptist body and are, therefore, more willing to support our work.

The Treasurer's report showed about \$20 over our apportionment raised this year. We rejoice for this success, for we know that preceding this must be a diffusion of missionary intelligence.

The public service was especially fitting at this time when we need so much the three points brought out in the evening's exercises. The mission work made attractive and real—by the processional and recessional by the girls of Haslett, the lively pop corn story by the boys, and the dialogue, Mothers and Mission Band; the instruction needed along missionary lines, in our own denominational work, so splendidly given by Mrs. Smead of Batavia, in her paper, "Has the auxiliary fulfilled its mission in the life of the church?"; the need of giving ourselves, our time and our means,—so humorously and yet so earnestly and convincingly presented by Mrs. Alfred Cheney in her paper, "Stewardship."

On account of the ill-health of the Secretary, Mrs. Thompson has been succeeded by Mrs. Bertha Booth of Homer; Mrs. C. H. Kempton of Hillsdale, a very enthusiastic primary worker, we are sure will be a very efficient Cradle Roll Superintendent. Through failing health of Mrs. Julia Reed, our energetic HELPER agent, the mantle has fallen on her

daughter, Mrs. Daniels. With gratification for the success of the Hillsdale Q. M. W. M. S. in the support of their own daughter, Miss Ruth Daniels, the State W. M. S. have asked them to relinquish their support of Dr. Mary Bachelor.

A new roll of honor, with ten points for schedule of rating, is an advance in our work for the coming year. It is hoped this new feature will be used effectively by the two divisions into which the state is now divided: the Hillsdale Q. M., supporting Miss Ruth, are called Gleaners; the remainder of the auxiliaries, supporting Dr. Mary, are called Dr. Aides. This pleasant rivalry we trust may create enthusiasm and return a rich harvest for the Master in the months to come.

(MRS.) GRACE THOMPSON.

Bristol, Ind.

Juniors



THE PENNIES

I have a little servant,
He's small and brown and round;
His brother, I am very sure,
With each of you is found.

And he can go—it seems so queer—
The whole wide world right through,
And in each country he can find
Some helpful thing to do.

I cannot go across the seas
And tell the children dear
The story of our Father's love
For all, both far and near.

But these brown pennies here can go,
And do what I would do;
Tongue, hands, heart, brain they can
become,
These helpers brave and true.

They send the preachers kind and wise,
They print the Bible true,
They sail the ships and build the homes
And feed the hungry, too.

So bring your pennies one and all,
Our messengers they are,
And each of them shall help to bear
The love of Christ afar.

—Selected.

LIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS

There are so many helps for the Junior Superintendents at the opening of this New Year; so many charming things for the children; so many illuminating books, pictures, objects, magazines, methods, that it seems as if the trip around the world with Jack and Janet should be over a shining pathway. Is there danger of somewhat concealing the main object in the multitude of accessories? Not if the Superintendent herself

has a vital interest in the main object—as she usually has, bless her!—and the helps are used wisely.

Let us go over some of them together, so practically that we shall know what they are, the price, and where they can be obtained. Mrs. A. D. Chapman, 12 Prescott St., Lewiston, Me., will furnish any or all of them.

First, there is the text book itself, "Around the world with Jack and Janet" (price 25 cents, postage 5 cents), written by a college girl who actually took the trip with her missionary mother; saw the sights she describes, and took the pictures for the illustrations. Then there is a little "Guide Book" (5 cents) for the teacher; a set of tickets (2 cents); twenty-four picture post cards (25 cents, postage 3 cents), showing people, street scenes, buildings, customs, etc., in many lands; and the latest addition is a set of paper dolls, representing Jack and Janet, with costumes, in color, of seven countries which they visited (25 cents, postage 5 cents). There are, also, steamer trunk mite boxes and an outline map, but you will have to inquire about those. A folder of "Child Life Pictures" (10 cents) consists of pictures of little folks from everywhere, so arranged that the children can cut them out and paste them in scrap books or on cards. The monthly magazine, *Everyland*, (\$1.00 a year) for Juniors, is delightful and of as wide scope as its name implies. All of these things can be utilized most happily at home as well as in the society or Mission Band. Any child would love to possess the Jack and Janet paper dolls.

But we must never forget our own field and our own work, in our enthusiasm for world travel. No meeting is complete without speech of, and prayer for, our brown babies of India, and our Children's Missionary, Miss Barnes. Every child should know her picture at sight, also that of Sinclair Orphanage and of Kindergarten Hall. (A set of 12 cards of scenes in our own India Field can be obtained for 15 cents of the Editor of THE MISSIONARY HELPER, Ocean Park, Me.) Juniors, like the rest of us, enjoy something that is their *very own*, to know about and work and pray for. They like, too—do they not?—a distinctive name, motto, badge, song, pennant, and, yes, "yell".

This is written, in answer to questions received recently, with the hope that it may help, and the wish of a very

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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Receipts for November, 1915

MAINE	
Biddeford Aux, for child in India	\$ 25 00
Canton Aux, Miss Coombs	7 00
Eustis S S, Offering for Miss Barnes' sal'y	2 18
Houlton, "Old Residents of Maine" for Zenana Work in Midnapore	5 00
Lewiston, Pine St Junior C E for Miss Barnes	4 00
Lisbon Falls, legacy under will of Mrs Maria E Grover for S O	300 00
Montville Q M, in memory of Mrs Ebenezer Knowlton	20 00
Ocean Park, MAW Bachelder Helper S F Otisfield Conf Coll for Bengal-Orissa F B Work	3 80
Portland Aux, Dorcas Smith Memorial Circle King's Daughters for Miss S Gowen	10 00
Saco, Cutts Ave L L B for Brown Babies	8 70
South Limington, Ch for work in India 6.00; Aux, for Miss Butts 5.50; Storer 5.50	17 00
Troy, Friends of Miss Gowen for "Troy" in S O	20 00
Weeks Mills, Mrs Drusella B Chadwick West Bowdoin Aux for Miss Coombs \$8; for "Saradomonie" in S O 5.00	5 00
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Bristol, W M S for Monomoloni in S O	25 00
Canaan Ch for Miss Butts	5 00
Dover H H & F M Soc'y for "Sarala"	6 25
Do for Native Teacher	6 25
East Rochester for Miss Butts	4 50
Laconia, Primary Dept S S, Miss Mary L Chase, teacher, work of Dr Bachelor New Durham Q M, "Helper" Sustaining Fund	10 00
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Do "Helper" Illus Fund	2 00
South Berwick for Native Teacher	6 25
(This with \$10 T O to be credited on L M Mrs Lillian E Sprague)	
Wolfboro Falls F B W M S on apport	16 00
MASSACHUSETTS	
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NEW YORK	
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OHIO	
Rio Grande, Ruth E Brockett, T O	3 00
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Battle Creek, Mrs H P Stone, Dr Bachelor's sal'y	35 00
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Kinderhook Aux, Dr B	5 00
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Brainard, Miss Soc'y 20.00; C R 8.00, on apport	28 00
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